

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **HIROSHI NOKAMOTO**

SERIAL NO.: 10/721,878

FILED: November 26, 2003

FOR: VACUUM CLEANER



CONFIRMATION NO. 6011

GROUP ART UNIT: 1744

EXAMINER: D.A. Redding

ATTY. REFERENCE: NAKA3010/JJC/PMB

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**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

**P.O. Box 1450**

**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

*Sir:*

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims	14	- 20 <sup>1</sup>	= 0 <sup>3</sup>	× \$ 25 =	× \$ 50 =
Independent Claims	3	- 3 <sup>2</sup>	= 0 <sup>3</sup>	× \$ 100 =	× \$ 200 =
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$ 180 =	+ \$ 360 =
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> If less than 20 enter 20.

<sup>2</sup> If less than 3 enter 3.

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☐ Please charge my **Deposit Account Number 02-0200** in the amount of \$ . A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 02-0200**.

☐ Also enclosed is/are:

**23364**

Customer Number

Phone: (703) 683-0500

DATE: July 31, 2007

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Handwritten signature of Patrick M. Buechner*

**PATRICK M. BUECHNER**

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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**PATENT**

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<b>Application No.:</b>	10/721,878	<b>Examiner:</b>	REDDING, D.A.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	November 26, 2003	<b>Art Unit:</b>	1744
<b>First Inventor:</b>	NAKAMOTO, Hiroshi	<b>Customer No.:</b>	23364
<b>Attorney No.:</b>	NAKA3010/JJC/PMB	<b>Confirm. No.:</b>	6011
<b>For:</b>	<b>VACUUM CLEANER</b>		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF MAY 31, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 31, 2007 in the above application.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.